

Costa Rica

Latin America & Caribbean		Upper middle income	
Population (millions, 2006)	4	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)	51
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	2.1	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)	21
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	86	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)	4,980
Labor force (millions, 2006)	2	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)	5.5
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	62.2	Poverty headcount ratio at national	
Age dependency ratio	0.51	poverty line (% of pop., 2004)	1.8

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 127,061
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 2.9%
- Top 10 destination countries: United States, Panama, Nicaragua, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Germany, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Guatemala.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 6.6%
- Emigration of physicians: 161 or 2.4% of physicians trained in the country

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 440,957
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 10.2%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 49.8%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 2.1%
- Top 10 source countries: Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize.

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
Inward remittance flows	136	198	250	321	319	421	513*	590
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	120	184	234	306	302	400	490	..
Compensation of employees	16	14	16	15	17	21	23	..
Migrants' transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Outward remittance flows	142	140	148	192	192	209	246**	..
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	108	107	112	156	155	196	233	..
Compensation of employees	34	34	35	36	37	13	13	..
Migrants' transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* 2.3% of GDP in 2006. **1.1% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger. Total flows may not always equal the sum of the components as they may have been taken from alternative sources.

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